

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been amended to eliminate all multiple dependencies which reduces the official filing fee and enables all the claims in the application to be examined.

In addition, the claims have been amended to United States format. None of the claims has been narrowed in scope.

An Abstract of the Disclosure has been added.

Minor specification changes have been made.

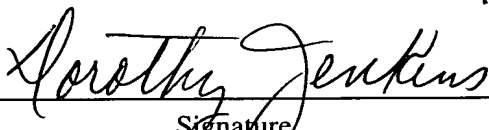
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